

REMARKS

Claims 2-6 and 8-12 are pending in this application. Claims 2 and 7 are canceled.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication in the Office Action dated August 10, 2006 that claims 2-6 and 8-12 contain allowable subject matter. By this Amendment, claim 2 has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of base claim 1; and claim 8 has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of base claim 7. Claims 1 and 7 are canceled.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 2-6 and 8-12 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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